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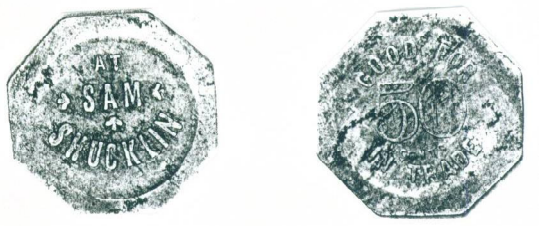
MORE ON SAM SHUCKLIN



We have previously looked at Sam Shucklin. See January 2018, page 1 and March 2018 page 28.

Sam Shucklin can be found in the 1901, 1902 and 1903 directories in Dawson, working for Hershberg & Co., clothiers. The later directories are silent as to his whereabouts.

He seems to have come by the trade naturally as his father, J.H. Shucklin was in the clothing business in Seattle.

We do know that he opened a clothing store in Fairbanks in 1911.

Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, August 14, 1911.
The new clothing firm of Sam Shucklin & Co., located next door to the Fraction, has received the larger part of their goods and the doors were opened for business during the past week. The balance of their stock will arrive on the next boat at which time they will have a stock second to none in the market.

Sammy is well known to many residents of the Tanana Valley, especially those formerly residing in the Dawson country, he having been in the employ of Hershberg & company for many years.

Mr. Shucklin expects his wife and child in the near future, after which he will settle down to business and the simple life of a man of family and responsibilities.

Alaska Citizen, June 23, 1913.
SHUCKLIN SALE IS STILL GOING
The establishment of S. Shucklin & Co. has been a busy place since the arrival of the steamer Alaska Saturday night, as the concern received a lot of new goods from the Outside, which will be put on at the regular sale prices.
The "Everybody's doing it sale" is still on and according to

Alaska Citizen, September 4,

Mr. Shucklin the low prices are catching the buyers who are looking for real bargains.

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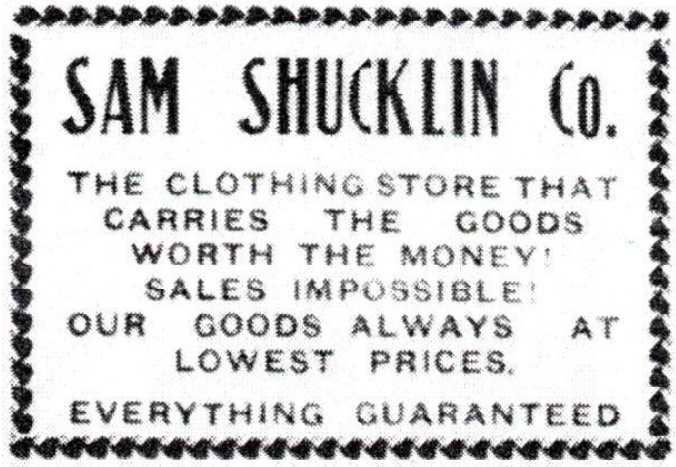
Alaska Citizen, August 4, 1913.
SHUCKLIN IS TAKING STOCK



Alaska Citizen, November 11,

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

I had planned much of this issue to fit into the previous issue. It did not work out that way. This month we continue looking at tokens from the Wrangell-St. Elias area.

Sam Shucklin - dontcha love that name? Perfect for a used car salesman! But Sam had selling clothing in his blood. Lou Anderton was another merchant in Chisana, and he stuck around until the 1950s. And lastly, we bring you a literary masterpiece, the poem *The Chisana Trail*. Two token issuers are mentioned by name. OK, Robert Service it is not.

Wooden nickels from Yellowknife, NWT and Iqaluit, Nunavut are featured - the first wooden nickel from Nunavut. Thanks to Rob Osborne for this article (and David Phillips for bringing it to our attention).

J.D. Williams is going through some boxes in his basement and is finding some fun stuff. See page 101.

Taxi tokens are offered on page 105. Why taxi tokens? I guess because of the ad at the bottom of the page. I wanted to get this in the April issue with other coupon books and chits, but there was not room. Sadly, here is a coupon book we will likely never see.

Information on Hyder tokens, the Ketchikan $2 trade token, Barrow transportation tokens, and a "clipping" from Jessen's Weekly of Fairbanks of 1956, of a collector seeking rare Fairbanks bus tokens. This is probably the most diverse issue in a long time.

The next issue will be mailed about October 15.

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PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

Cape Romanzof, NCO Club, $1, B-1a	37.00
Chichagof, Chichagof Club, 12½¢, B-1b	15.51
Excursion Inlet, A&PSC Co., 5¢, B-1a	20.49
Fairbanks, Horseshoe Cigar, encased cent 1945	27.55
Hoohah, L. Kane, 1¢ Food Stamp Token	16.05
Hoohah, L. Kane, 5¢ Food Stamp Token	16.05
Hoohah, L. Kane, 10¢ Food Stamp Token	16.05
Hoohah, L. Kane, 25¢ Food Stamp Token	16.05
Ketchikan, R+C Pioneer, 10 pts., B-44b	4.28
Ketchikan, T&M Pioneer, $1, B-46c	9.99OB
Kobuk, Harry Brown, 25¢, B-1a, NGC-63	13.50
Kwiguk, Alstrom, $1, B-1c	9.95OB
Long, Edw. Willis, 25¢, B-2a	27.00
Palmer, ARRC, 25¢, B-1d	510.00
Palmer, ARRC, $5, B-1g	346.03
Sparrevohn, 719 ACW, 25¢, B-1e	137.81
Teller, Teller Comm. Co., 5¢, B-3a, NGC-66	16.50
Wildwood, NCO Club, 25¢, B-1c	35.00OB
A.Y.P.E., encased cent, round	47.96

OB =Opening Bid; NB = No Bid; RL = relist; R = Reserve; RNM = Reserve Not Met; W = withdrawn BIN = Buy it now; BOA = Best Offer Accepted; DNS = Did Not Sell; SUP = sold, unknown price. FTR = see For the Record.

Daily Alaska Empire, Juneau, November 19, 1929.

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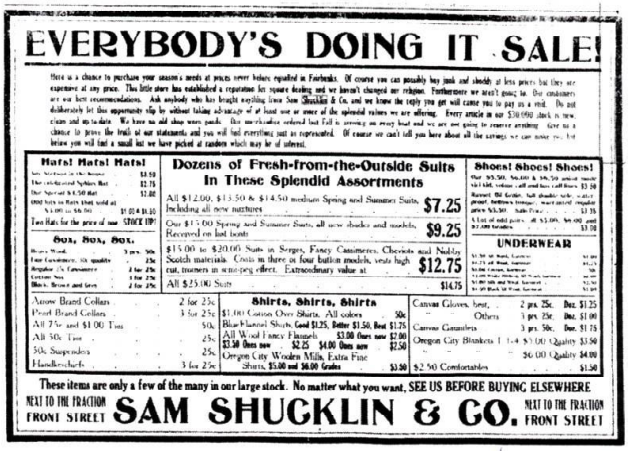


EVERYBODY'S DOING IT SALE!

Here is a chance to purchase your season's needs at prices never before equalled in Fairbanks. Of course you can possibly buy junk and shoddy at less prices but they are expensive at any price. This little store has established a reputation for square dealing and we haven't changed our religion. Furthermore we aren't going to. Our customers are our best recommendations. Ask anybody who has bought anything from Sam Shucklin & Co. and we know the reply you get will cause you to pay us a visit. Do not deliberately let this opportunity slip by without taking advantage of at least one or more of the splendid values we are offering. Every article in our $30,000 stock is new, clean and up to date. We have no old shop worn goods. Our merchandise ordered last Fall is arriving on every boat and we are not going to reserve anything. Give us a chance to prove the truth of our statements and you will find everything just as represented. Of course we can't tell you here about all the savings we can make you, but below you will find a small list we have picked at random which may be of interest.

Hats! Hats! Hats!

Dozens of Fresh-from-the-Outside Suits In These Splendid Assortments

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!

Boys, Boys, Boys.

All $12.00, $13.50 & $14.50 medium Spring and Summer Suits, including all new patterns $7.25

Our $15.00 Spring and Summer Suits, all new shades and models, Received on last boats $9.25

$15.00 to $20.00 Suits in Serges, Fancy Cassimeres, Cheviots and Nobby Scotch materials. Coats in three or four button models, vests high cut, trousers in semi-peg effect. Extraordinary value at $12.75

All $25.00 Suits $14.75

UNDERWEAR

Shirts, Shirts, Shirts

Arrow Brand Collars 2 for 25c
Pearl Brand Collars 3 for 25c
All 75c and $1.00 Ties 50c
All 50c Ties 25c
50c Suspenders 25c
Handkerchiefs 3 for 25c

$1.00 Cotton Over Shirts. All colors 50c
Blue Flannel Shirts. Good $1.25, Better $1.50, Best $1.75
All Wool Fancy Flannels $3.00 Ours now $2.00
$3.50 Ours now $2.25 $4.00 Ours now $2.50
Oregon City Woolen Mills Extra Fine Shirts, $5.00 and $6.00 Grades $3.90

Canvas Gloves, best, 2 prs. 25c. Ours $1.25
" Others 3 prs. 25c. Ours $1.00
Canvas Gauntlets 3 prs. 50c. Ours $1.75
Oregon City Blankets 11-4 $5.00 Quality $3.50
" $6.00 Quality $4.00
$2.50 Comfortables $1.50

These items are only a few of the many in our large stock. No matter what you want, SEE US BEFORE BUYING ELSEWHERE.

NEXT TO THE FRACTION FRONT STREET **SAM SHUCKLIN & CO.** NEXT TO THE FRACTION FRONT STREET

Alaska Citizen, June 16, 1913.

Alaska Citizen, August 4, 1913.
SHUCKLIN IS TAKING STOCK ON STAMPEDE
Sam Shucklin, who for several years has conducted a gents' furnishing store on Front street, will leave tomorrow on the steamer Reliance for the Chisana. With him he will carry his full stock of merchandise and a new supply of groceries and tobaccos.

He intends to be among the first in the new camp to have a general store. He will close his Fairbanks store and Mrs. Shucklin with their sone will spend the winter outside.

Alaska Citizen, August 11, 1913.
SHUSHANA AWAY YESTERDAY AT NOON
The steamer Shushana, just built by W.H. Merritt, the trader, pulled away from the Pioneer dock at one o'clock yesterday afternoon headed for Chisana.

Sam Shucklin for the past several years in the mercantile business here, is taking his whole stock of merchandise with him.

Alaska Citizen, August 16, 1915.
LITTLE DOING IN CHISANA COUNTRY
Sam Shucklin has his stock almost cleaned up and will come down to Fairbanks before the close of navigation. Sam is anxiously awaiting the minute that he can get away from the upper diggings and will be delighted when he sees the sign board at the end of Cushman street.

Alaska Citizen, August 23, 1915.
Mr. Willette also says that Sam Shucklin, or "Hard Luck Sam," as they call him up there, is preparing to move. He may come back to Fairbanks, but it is more probably that he will go outside.

Alaska Citizen, August 7, 1916.
Mr. Simons and Sam Shucklin are moving up their entire stock of merchandise to Bonanza City. The lower town, Chisana, is fast becoming depopulated. The people prefer a lively mining town. The town of Chisana is the seat of justice for this camp and will have only a few of the best ones left such as doctors, lawyers and promoters. The only reason for not moving is that they will have to pull their wood. There will not be a shoveler left in town, for they work fast enough to keep up a good circulation of blood and don't require much wood.

McCarthy Weekly News, September 16, 1922.
Sam Shucklin, old-timer of Chisana, and now in the more lucrative business of traveling salesman, is in town for a few days this week.

Sam seems to have given up on being a local merchant.

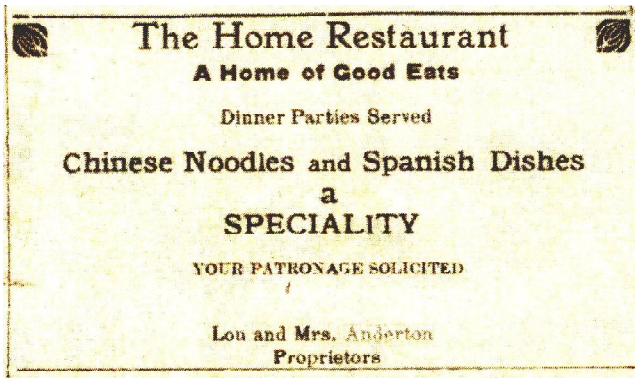
Tracking apps on your phone have nothing on the newspapers of the coastal towns in Alaska in the nineteenteens, twenties and thirties. They did a tremendous job of letting townspeople know who was on what boat, and what hotel they were staying at. Of the 334 pages on the LoC with "shucklin," easily 300 of them were just announcing Sam's arrival, departure, or which hotel he was staying at.

The arrivals and departures of the "traveling men," or "knights of the grip," were almost daily news in the Juneau, Alaska Daily Empire, the Valdez Alaska Prospector, the Cordova Daily Times and even in interior newspapers. There were some small announcements of where Sam Shucklin was staying, almost as if they were ads, and perhaps they were, letting his customers know where to find him.

The last mention of Sam Shucklin was in the Daily Alaska Empire, June 29, 1942.

LOU ANDERTON

McCarthy Weekly News, August 5, 1922.
Mr. and Mrs. Anderton have taken over the Alaska Cafe and Hotel. They have been at Kennecott for over a year and are well acquainted and should be very successful in their new venture.


The Home Restaurant
A Home of Good Eats
Dinner Parties Served
Chinese Noodles and Spanish Dishes
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SPECIALITY
YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED
Lou and Mrs. Anderton
Proprietors

McCarthy Weekly News, January 6, 1923.

McCarthy Weekly News, November 17, 1923.
Lou Anderton, who formerly conducted the Alaska Cafe, was in town for a day or so this week. Lou is employed at the Erie and states that it is fine place to work.

After this time he is hunting, trapping and guiding in the Chisana country. Benice puts him in business in Chisana in 1937-1938.

Daily Alaska Empire, April 11, 1938.
Alaska-Canada Fur Smuggling Racket Nipped
Lou Anderton of Chisana Pleads Guilty to Collecting Bounties Illegally

Breakup of fur smuggling activities between Alaska and Canada which has been suspected since 1935 was announced today by Homer Jewel, Assistant Executive Officer of the Alaska Game Commission, following the arrest and plea of guilty by Lou Anderton of Chisana in Commissioner's Court in Cordova. Anderton was fined $250 and paid $150 court costs and was ordered by the court to refund to the Territory $800 which he admitted to claiming from the Territorial Treasury on wolf and coyote skins he had run across the line from Canada.

Anderson pleaded guilty to violating the Alaska game laws as well as the Lacey Act, which prohibits smuggling in interstate shipments, the Commission official stated.

In cooperation with Territorial Treasurer Oscar Olsen, who has the handling of bounties for the Territory, and Assistant District Attorney Warren Taylor of the Third Division, Game Warden Clarence Rhode was dispatched into the Chisana district and after weeks of investigation took Anderson into custody. In court, the latter admitted that he worked with others in bringing wolf and coyote hides across the Canadian border east of Chisana and claimed the $20 bounty paid by the Territory. Some bounty was collected more than two years ago when only $15 was paid, the officer said.

Jewell labelled the action one of the major blows given to the fur-smuggling racket in the Territory and declared that only through the cooperative action of the Treasurer's office was the smuggling case was brought to light.

Stressing that the campaign against smuggling would be continued vigorously, the officer said: "Persons smuggling birds, furs or animals into the Territory are subject to the Lacey Act which provides for a maximum fine of $1,000 or six months in jail or both.

A radio skit, dramatizing the smuggling case, was recently prepared by Executive Officer Frank Dufresne (ed. note: author of several books on wildlife) *and was presented the other evening in Washington, D.C. over one of the stations there.*

Seems like Lou was supplementing his trading post income. And a radio skit! Big news out of Alaska.

Surprisingly, there is no mention of Lou again until 1956.

Ghost Town Gazette, Chitina, August 6, 1956.
CHISANA
(Pronounced shushanna)
Lou Anderton wrote out recently ordering some squirrel whiskey. The store here made a mistake and sent him some Old Crow. He wrote back protesting that he

LOU ANDERTON, CONT.

did not want to fly, all he wanted to do was just to yump round a bit on some old, abandoned mining claims.

Ghost Town Gazette, Chitina, June 24, 1957.
Lou Anderton and Mark Goodman (more sourdoughs) hit Chitina with a large bang! last week. They were in the process of celebrating the return to civilization from the bush (Chisana and McCarthy respectfully). Along about midnight when the Bar lights began to flicker (George was using candles temporarily for lighting) Mark persuaded Lou that bed time was approaching rapidly. They walked briskly but unsteadily to the Drug Store Building and up the stairs. Mark had a bad time trying to convince Lou that the gold fish bowl was not the bathroom. He Failed....

Ghost Town Gazette, Chitina, May 2, 1958.
A.B. Cummins and his wife, who is a sister of Lou Anderton at Chisana, came up from Eugene, Oregon and will go to Chisana to spend the summer with Lou and help him finish and operate the hunting and fishing Lodge.

Ghost Town Gazette, Chitina, September 5, 1958.
It looks as though Lou Anderton may be holding down Chisana mostly by himself this winter. It is doubtful that this will pose a problem for Lou since he has spent many winters there.

Impressive. Over 30 years in the country.

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McCarthy Weekly News, August 5, 1922.

THE CHISANA TRAIL

Sourdough Hill - We'll never forget -
Known as the chechako's saddest regret,
Nothing but muck and glacier bog,
A trail hardly fit for a malemute dog.
The chechako had come by boat and by rail
Till he hit the junction of the Chisana trail.

Many got stranded, big companies disbanded
All lured by the glittering gold.
To try out their luck in the frozen muck
As in the days of old.

There were many old-timers who stampeded too,
But you bet your life they all got through.
Nothing would stop them but the old North Pole, -
And they'd stake that if it contained gold.

Some got as far as Shorty Gwinn's
Some to Chittistone Pass;
Some to Boggses Roadhouse
And a few got through at last.

Many good scouts were there -both chechako
& sourdough
And grub was a dollar and a quarter a pound
and candles a dollar a throw - one -
Eggs three dollars a dozen and frozen hard as rocks,
To get eggs for our flapjacks we had to dig down
to our sox.

But **Breedman** and Morris and the Bryson boys,
Dan, **Simons** and Harvey and Hurd
Had floated in grub enough
To feed the stampede birds
There was a roaring good crowd got together then
And tried to make a show
Bill James had opened up a creek
That set the world a glow.

There were Hoffman and Finnegan and Steve McLeod
Dan Campbell and Brownie and old Tom Dodd,
Bill Devine, Joe Morris and also Blanche
It seemed that everyone took a chance.
Bill Houston and wife, the McAllisters,
Each had staked a claim,
Grant Reid, Ned Hill and Terry too, had all joined
the game.

Carl Whitham, Bill James, Shorty Briggen too,
Had all got pay that pulled them through.
But a lot of us who mushed that trail
and listened at night to the malemute's wail
Enjoyed that trip to our hearts content
Even though our time was illy spent.

I'd love to meet the old crowd once more
out in front of my trail tent door
With a pot of beans and a big sheep stew
Or a mulligan of ptarmigan or caribou -
And after the feast was cleared away
Listen to the tales of Bill McKay

Kennecott, Alaska, "Silvertip - A.L.P

Northern Territories
Water & Waste Association
Serving NWT & Nunavut

by Rob Osborne

The Northern Territories Water and Waste Association (NTWWA) is a non-profit organization that was set up to support the professional development of workers in the provision of water, treatment of wastewater, and sanitation services. To help achieve this goal we hold a conference and Operator's Workshop each year. The conference is held over two days and includes presentation that discuss ongoing northern projects and infrastructure, current research and studies, and other water and waste topics - all with a northern theme. There is a small trade show for venders that support these projects. The conference is well attended (by northern standards) and is very informative, but the main purpose is to facilitate the Operator's Workshop. The Government of the Northwest Territories Water and Wastewater Certification Program requires that certified operators submit two Continuing Education Units (CEU's) every two years to maintain certification in the category they are certified in. The Operator's Workshop that NTWWA provides is one of the only ways that operators in the north can get and maintain this certification. Typically, we alternated each year holding the conference in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories and Iqaluit, Nunavut. We always like to have giveaways for attendees and presenters and that gave me an idea.

For the past 15 years I have been collecting northern tokens and medals. I have quite a few tokens and medals from the Yukon and the NWT and quite a few from what is now Nunavut but for the latter, all but one medal predates 1999, when Nunavut was established. I have never been able to find a token from Nunavut and neither have any of the northern collectors that I questioned. It occurred to me that since I couldn't find a token from Nunavut; why not make one myself?

I spent a long time planning it. To be a token, it must be "good for" something. I considered making tokens that were good for drinks, but I didn't want to be on the hook for a bar tab in the thousands. I could have made them worth a dollar amount but that would have made things complicated for the hotel hosting us. Then it hit me. One of the mandates of the NTWWA is not only to help ensure that clean water is available for Northerners to drink, but to promote it as safe to drink. For that reason, we never allow bottled water to be served at

conferences, only water that was produced by the community that was hosting it. What better thing to make a token good for one than one glass of tap water! Another mandate of the NTWWA is to limit the waste that goes into landfills - especially plastic - so I decided to make the tokens out of wood.

I reached out to James Williston of Canada Wide Woods and he and his designer Robin helped make it happen. We ended up with two designs; one for the 2022 conference in Yellowknife, NWT and one for the 2023 conference in Iqaluit, Nunavut. Each share the same reverse (black printing), with a tap pouring a glass of water and the texts "Good for one Glass of Tap Water." The obverses share the same design (metallic blue printing), which is the logo of the NTWWA. The top of each reads, "NTWWA CONFERENCE." The bottom of the first reads "Yellowknife, NWT, 2022" while the second reads "Iqaluit, Nunavut 2023."

Part of my role as Executive Director is to say a few words at the beginning of the AGM so I used that time to announce the token at the 2022 Yellowknife conference. I told the story of wooden nickels and explained the thought behind the NTWWA wood. After my talk I handed them out to everyone in the room. In 2023 we were unable to book a venue in Iqaluit, so we had the conference in Yellowknife for a second year in a row instead. I will be handing out the Iqaluit wood this year at our conference in November.

"GET OUT OF JAIL FREE" CARD

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
DECEMBER 2, 1971

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MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

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P. O. BOX 79
SITKA, ALASKA 99835

"GET OUT OF JAIL FREE" CARD

This card and $50 guarantees the bearer the right to accept the following Plea Bargain: For the duration of the 1979 Bar Convention, any violation charged under the SITKA GENERAL CODE will be reduced to "Objectionable Dog".

We always knew that lawyers were "wild and crazy guys."

submitted by J.D. Williams
(a wild and crazy guy)

NEW GOLD TOKEN

We purchased some gold from Crooked Creek in the Circle Mining District. Crooked Creek is below the junction of Porcupine and Mammoth Creeks, and flows about 9 miles to Birch Creek. Placer mining on Crooked Creek dates only to the 1980s. While the presence of gold was known, it was not thought to be economically feasible for mining.

GRC assay is .849. Mintage is 20 tokens. These are $135 each postpaid.

PALMER ELKS ORIGINAL RAT RACE

I had never noticed this token until I put it on last month's price list. It brought to mind the Snake Pit Downs in Juneau where they had guinea pig races (ATC&PN December 1997 - was it that long ago?).

I figured that it was just an amusement at the Elks Lodge in Palmer. A google search proved this to not be the case.

The "Rat Race" has been held at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer since about 1955. The Palmer Elks have a booth at this year's Fair, so the tradition will continue.

Contrary to the name, it is not a race. It is more like "Rat Roulette," where a gerbil (sorry, no rats involved) is turned loose in the center of a spinning roulette wheel. There is a hole at the end of each "spoke." Bets are placed on which hole the gerbil will go down. Multiple gerbils are used so they can rest up between spins. Three "wheels" are used.

Bets are 25¢. One year, they tried $1 bets on one of the wheels, and the "Rat Race" tokens were valued at $1.

The Rat Race is one of the largest fund raisers that the Palmer Elks organizes. Proceeds from the Rat Race are donated to local charities.

What better way to spend time at the fair than making gerbils dizzy, and losing money that goes to charity?

Dates for the Alaska State Fair in Palmer are August 16 to September 2, 2024.

My thanks to John Pendergrass for providing information for this short article.

This token was offered for $3 last month. Since these are so cool, this month's price is $5! The extra $2 is for my research time.

INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE

This is an interesting piece of correspondence (on a 3x5 card) from Scott Simpson of Continental Coins Ltd. of Vancouver, to Captain Henry Keene (U.S. Coast Guard) of Ketchikan. It refers Capt. Keene to "Kay" Dethridge of Juneau.

Capt. Keene appears to have inquired about the Bungalow tokens from Hyder. Mr. Simpson's response leads one to believe there was a substantial hoard of Bungalow tokens. This is confirmed by the number we have in stock!

FROM
SCOTT SIMPSON

Capt.Keene,

Thank you for your order received this morni
and which is enclosed herewith.
I must have misunderstood your last letter as I thought you were also interested in B.C. tokens.We have no further Alaska tokens at the moment,but would suggest you contact Kay Dethridge,Box 785,Juneau.Mr.Dethridge has a coin shop there and I know he is very interested in all the Alaska material.

(P.T.O.)

CONTINENTAL COINS LTD., P. O. BOX 2126 VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA

Regarding the amount of the "Bungalow tokens w
we have on hand,we do not carry any stock of th
them - about two or three sets.However we have
a client who will supply us with all we need
and he will not divulge the number of them that
he has.

Yours very truly,

A. A. Simpson

Driving back to Alaska from Maine on the Cassiar Highway, we could have taken a side trip to Hyder. By that time, after driving across country, we just wanted to get back to Fairbanks. Even our stops in Whitehorse and Dawson were too short.

KETCHIKAN $2 TRADE TOKEN

I suspect that this "card" was used to promote the sale of these tokens after expiry date. Having struck 10,000, it is very likely that there were many left over. Wendell's (the mint) must have had a great salesman!

ALASKA TRADE TOKEN

Totem-pole carvings illustrate legends and serve as family crests. The figures symbolize both characters and events of the mythological age and the experiences and adventures of known ancestors and living persons. RAVEN is such an example. For example, Raven created man, brought daylight, arranged the rivers and lakes, and many other adventures. He could change form as occasion demanded. He dived beneath the ocean, lived in a whale, or ascended to the skies merely by willing to do so. Raven is, therefore, depicted in each instance according to his role in the legend that is illustrated.

Ptarmigan, close relatives of forest and prairie grouse, live in alplands and arctic tundras throughout the Northern Hemisphere. There three kinds of ptarmigan, all of which are found in Alaska. Willow ptarmigan, living closest to timber line, Rock ptarmigan on middle slopes and low ridges and White-tailed ptarmigan, who live high among rocky areas close to glaciers or snowfields. The ptarmigan is the Alaska State Bird.

KETCHIKAN, ALASKA — TRADE TOKEN

The Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce had struck 10,000 trade tokens which circulated in Ketchikan for two years, through December 31, 1971 as Two Bucks.

The Totem obverse was designed by Ed Swartz and the Ptarmigan reverse by Rex McCulley. It was struck by Wendell's Inc. of Minneapolis. The Ketchikan Koin Club handled the distribution of the tokens.

Two hundred Sterling Silver tokens were struck. One hundred with serial numbers and one hundred unnumbered. The Sterling Silver ones sold for $15.00 each.

Collectors may write the Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 2637, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901 for the token that was used for circulation. They were struck in 12 gauge nickel-silver with reeded edges.

Twenty-five bronze tokens were struck as presentation pieces, but demand for them was so great by collectors that they were made available at $50.00 apiece. Only 5 were given as presentation pieces.

It is always interesting to see the original documentation and sales promotions.

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH PUBLIC TRANSIT

FARES:
The full cash fare is 50¢ per zone. The system consists of three zones. Barrow-Browerville, is one zone, from Browerville-N.A.R.L. is one zone, and from N.A.R.L.-Shooting Station is one zone (seasonal).

Example: An adult passenger riding through two zones is required to pay two fares ($1.00) or two tokens. Tokens cost 35¢ each or 3.50 for a roll of ten. Children under six years of age ride free when accompanied by an adult. Senior citizens (60 years or older) and permanently handicapped persons ride free. (Proof of age or handicap may be required or persons not known to the drivers.) Children 6-12 years rid for half fare (25¢) per zone.

BOARD THE BUS WITH EXACT FARE:
Drivers do not carry change, nor do they sell tokens. Please help us by having the correct fare when boarding the bus and deposit fares as instructed by the driver.

There were 7 buses that ran 16 hours a day, seven days a week. The buses stopped running in the North Slope Borough (Barrow) in 2005. It was a financial decision. Ridership was low and these 7 buses only brought in about $30,000 against an annual cost of $700,000.

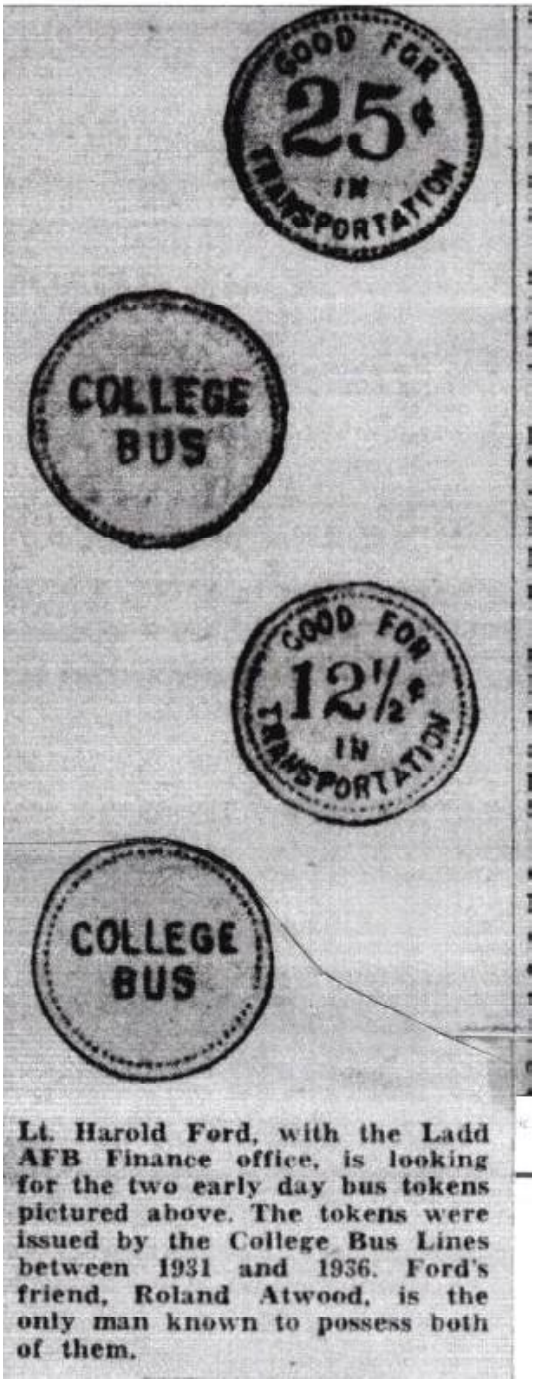
Two tokens were issued, both the same design in brass and bronze.

AURORA, ILLINOIS

Offered as an Alaska or Yukon token on eBay with a Buy It Now at $125. A best offer was accepted. I hope that it was not one of our subscribers. Brass, 18mm.

COLLEGE BUS

Daily Alaska Empire, Juneau, August 13, 1940.
Greiman Out To Buy College Bus
Paul Greiman, Fairbanks transportation man, flew here by Electra yesterday and out by Alaska Clipper today to take delivery of a new 41-passenger bus to be used on the run between Fairbanks and College.



Lt. Harold Ford, with the Ladd AFB Finance office, is looking for the two early day bus tokens pictured above. The tokens were issued by the College Bus Lines between 1931 and 1936. Ford's friend, Roland Atwood, is the only man known to possess both of them.

Jessen's Weekly, Fairbanks, August 23, 1956.

TAXI TOKENS FOR SALE

BARROW

Barrow Taxi, Good for 25¢, B-T1a **10.00**

HAINES

Haines Taxi, Good for 10¢, B-T1a **10.00**

JUNEAU

Haida Cab, Good for 25¢, B-T3a **10.00**

Taku-Glacier Taxi, $2.50 one zone, T-T5a **10.00**

KENAI

Flash Taxi Service, Good for 10¢, B-T1a **10.00**

SEWARD

Pioneer Cab, Good for 10¢, B-T1a **10.00**

SOLDOTNA

Wye Taxi, Good for 10¢, B-T3a **10.00**

SOLDOTNA/KENAI

Alaska Cab, $5, B-2b? **15.00**

TAXI TOKENS FOR SALE

Alaska Cab, no denomination, unlisted, Black on blue plastic, 41mm **15.00**

(UNALASKA/DUTCH HARBOR)

Alaskan Taxi, 5 for a free ride,, unlisted, gold on yellow inside lucite, 41.5mm **20.00**

UNATTRIBUTED - ANCHORAGE?

Alaskan Cab, Ride value $5, blue on gold aluminum, 38mm **20.00**

BARROW

North Slope Borough Public Transit, One Fare
brass **5.00**
bronze **5.00**
Hard to tell apart. You get my best guess.

FROM THE ARTICLES

HYDER

The Bungalow, set of 3: 25¢, 50¢ and $1, B-2 a-c **200.00**
As above, 25¢ only **10.00**
As above, 50¢ only **10.00**

CHISANA

Lou Anderton, set of 4; 25¢, 50¢, $1 and $5, B-1 a-d (see page 98 for the $5) **100.00**

As above, $1 only, B-1c **25.00**